Healthy Women Statistics: A Resource for State Data on Women's Health



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What is Healthy Women Statistics (HWS)?

- A user-friendly set of tables composed of State-level data on health and well-being.
- HWS was developed by NCHS, with support from the DHHS Office on Women's Health.
 - Data on total sex and men included.

Purpose

A resource to view previously published health data by specific population groups within a State.

- mortality
- morbidity
- health risk factors

Release format

- Electronic, interactive data tables
 - Many tables collapsed into one
 - Users can format tables
 - Tables released as soon as available
- These data tables are available on:
 - CD-ROM
 - The Web site at www.cdc.gov/nchs/healthywomen.htm.

Health topics

- Most topics measure Healthy People 2010 objectives.
- Topics include:
 - All cause mortality (age 10+)
 - 41 specific causes of death
 - Mammography use
 - Tobacco use
 - Weight for height
 - Diabetes

Data sources

- Current:
 - 1997-1999 Mortality
 - 1996-2000 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
- Upcoming:
 - 2001 BRFSS
 - 2000 Mortality
 - Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)
 - AIDS incidence

Demographic factors

All data is concurrently available by:

- state
- sex
- race and Hispanic origin
- age

Development considerations

- All estimates are 3-year averages.
 - Increases reliability for estimates with infrequent events/sample sizes
 - Decreases confidentiality issues
- Estimates with low precision are suppressed.

Precision criteria

Precision suppression based on relative standard error:

RSE (%) = (SE/estimate)*100

- Mortality: suppression of estimates with less than 20 deaths (~RSE>23%).
- BRFSS: suppression of estimates with RSE>30%.

Race data

Need 3 years of data with the new categories

- Mortality: by state based on adoption of the new standard death certificate.
- BRFSS: Multiple race and separate Asian/Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander added in 2001
- Other data: as available

Race data (cont'd)

Until all data is in new format,

- Mortality
 - follow DVS lead
- BRFSS
 - preferred race for multiple race respondents
 - combine new categories back to A/PI

Ethnicity data

- Hispanic origin is currently available on all data tables.
 - Race for people of Hispanic origin is not presented now.
- Future releases will cross-tabulate race and Hispanic origin where possible.

Responses to questions

- #3 "Will all ongoing data sets...use the same race/ethnicity standards...?"
 - Will use the OMB standards once data is available for 3 years.
 - Can do this only when the data system collects data appropriately.

Responses to questions

#4: "Do you believe there is a significant problem of misclassification into racial and ethnic categories...?"

- Known race/ethnicity misclassification problems in mortality data
- Not in our purview to rectify

Responses to questions

#11: "Are racial and ethnic data routinely reported in ... publications and reports?"

 A primary purpose of this project is to report data by subpopulations.

Beyond 20/20[™] software

- Data dissemination software developed to allow interactive presentation of data.
- Allows retrieval of data in multiple formats:
 - tables
 - maps
 - graphs (line, bar)

How to use the data

- The "reader" software is distributed:
 - on the CD-ROMs
 - on the Web site
- Information on how to use the software is available:
 - on the CD-ROM insert
 - on the Web site

Demonstration

- Open Beyond 20/20[™]
- Choose a table by
 - type of data, and
 - subject matter

Summaries

- Summaries contain information useful to understand the data being presented.
- Any level of the table may have summary information.
 - table attribute is marked if a summary is available.

Changing table views

- Selecting data
- Switching table dimensions
- Nesting table dimensions

Graphing

- Create a graph using the chart button.
- Browse through a series of charts.
 - Select one of the headings in the title of the chart.
 - Use the arrow buttons to graph the previous or next item.

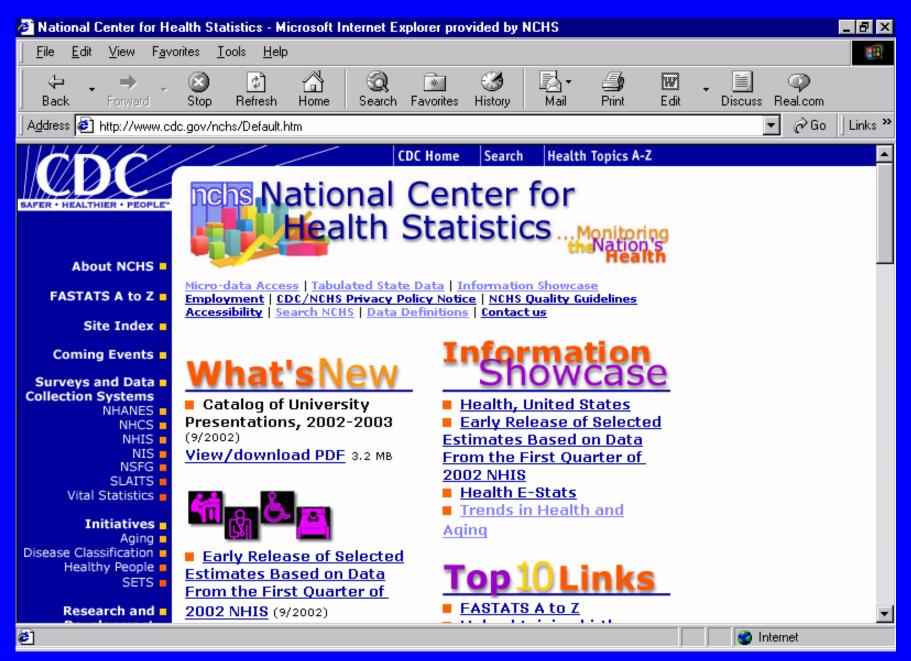
Mapping

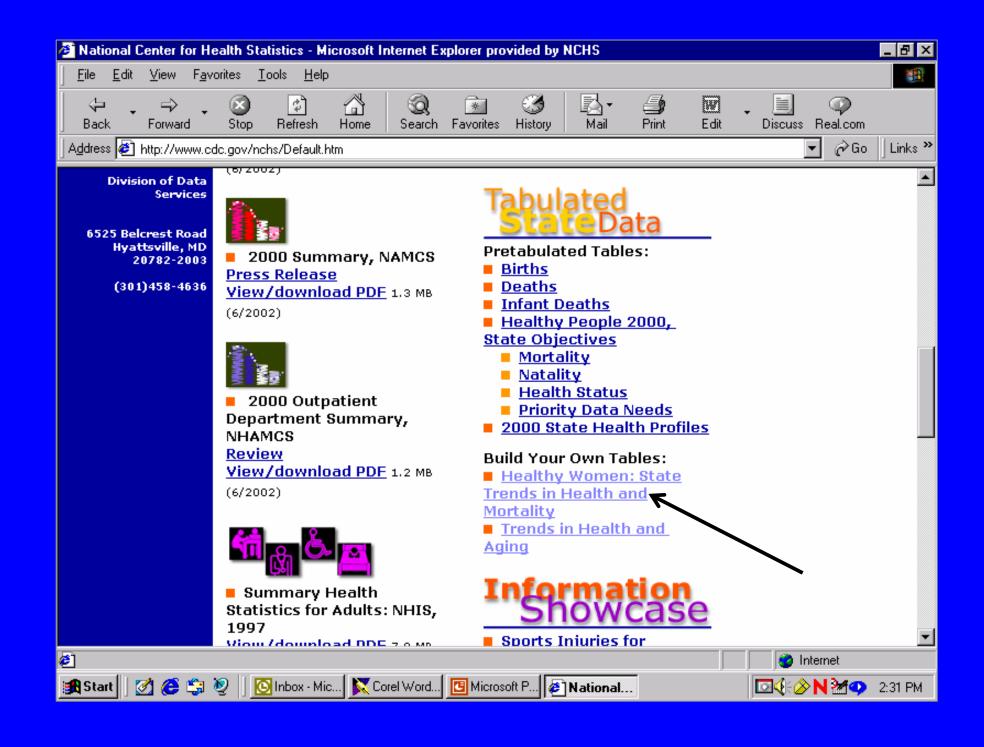
Create a map using the map button.



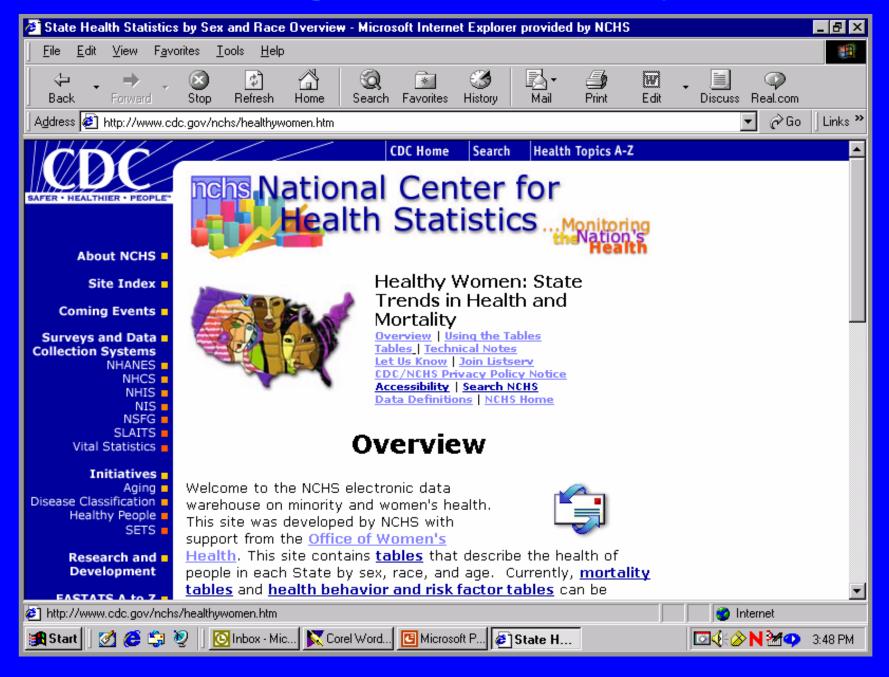
- Browse through a series of maps.
 - Same procedure as in graphing.

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs





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